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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

JAMES F. MARINO et al.

Application No.: 09/469,727

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: BONY TISSUE RESECTOR

Examiner: PHILPGENE, P.

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows. Please cancel claim 3. Please add new claims 12 and 13 as follows. All claims are reproduced for convenient reference below:

- 1        1. (Amended) A bony tissue resecting system, comprising:  
 2              a cannula having a side aperture near its distal end; and  
 3              a rotatable resecting element received within the cannula the rotatable  
 4              resecting element having a hollowed out distal end.
- 1        2. (As filed) The bony tissue resecting system of claim 1, wherein, the rotatable resecting element can be distally advanced within the cannula.
- 1        3. (Canceled)

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